



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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Situation Report

Hurricane Katrina Support & Severe Storm Potential

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Hurricane Katrina

Operations to support the displaced persons from Hurricane Katrina continue to wind down. All State Agencies have returned to normal operations and SEMA continues to monitor the situation with normal staffing patterns and, if necessary, with on-call staff.

- The Missouri Donations Hotline (800-841-8891) continues operating out of St Louis. The Donations Hotline was established for anyone wishing to volunteer or donate to Katrina victims. AmeriCorps volunteers are staffing the hotline from 8am-7pm, seven days a week.

Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)

The State of Missouri has dispatched numerous resources to the affected area under a state mutual aid agreement known as the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). EMAC related events from this weekend include the following:

- A request was received for a Public Information Officer. SEMA is reviewing options for meeting this need.
- 50 troopers and 6 communications personnel from the Missouri State Highway Patrol returned from their deployment to Mississippi providing law enforcement assistance.
- Members from several fire departments in Region C (St Louis area) are now on the ground in Gulfport, MS with 26 personnel and 12 water tankers. They are assisting the local fire department with firefighting activities.
- 5 deputies from the Jefferson County Sheriff Office returned home over the weekend. They had been providing law enforcement assistance to authorities since Sept. 11.
- Members of the Cole County Emergency Response Team have also returned after providing communications assistance to local officials within the state of Louisiana.

Severe Storm Potential

The National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center is forecasting a slight risk of severe weather today and tonight for much of the eastern half of the state. Hail and high winds are the principal threats. The area of potential storms is located east of a line from Butler to Memphis (MO), and north of a line from Joplin to Sikeston. This includes the St Louis metro area, and the cities of Hannibal, Columbia, Jefferson City, and Cape Girardeau.

Tropical Storm Rita

While not considered a direct threat to people in Missouri, Tropical Storm Rita is causing concern with people in the southeastern United States. At 11am, the center of the storm was about 430 east-southeast of Key West, Florida. The projected path of the storm through Thursday is west through the Florida Key and the Gulf of Mexico. SEMA will continue to monitor for potential EMAC requests from this storm.

Points of Contact:

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